Oregon's Place-Based Integrated Water Resource Planning

Helping Oregon communities plan for their current and future water needs

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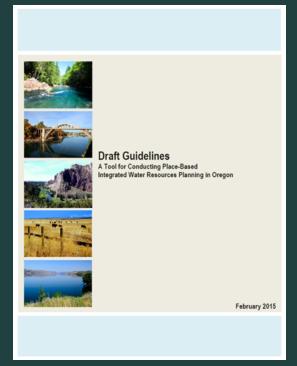




IWRS Recommended Action 9A



Integrated Water Resources Strategy



Draft Planning Guidelines

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Senate Bill 266

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to place-based integrated water resources strategies; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION I. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 558. SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "place-based integrated water resources" means waters that are from sources within a single drainage basin or within an area that is a subset of a single drainage basin.

(2) The Water Resources Department may issue grants from available moneys to facilitate the preparation of place-based integrated water resources strategies that are consistent with state laws concerning the water resources of this state, state water resources policy and department requirements. The department may issue grants under this subsection to:

- (a) A person;
- (b) A public body as defined in ORS 174.109; or
- (c) An Indian tribe.
- (3) The department may enter into contracts or agreements with, and provide technical assistance and information to, a person, a public body as defined in ORS 174.109 or an Indian tribe for the development of place-based integrated water resources strategies.
- tribe for the development of place-based integrated water resources strategies.

 (4) Place-based integrated water resources strategies described in subsections (2) and (3) of this section must:
 - (a) Be developed in collaboration with a balanced representation of interests;
- (b) Balance current and future in-stream and out-of-stream needs;
- (c) Include the development of actions that are consistent with the existing state laws concerning the water resources of this state and state water resources policy;
 (d) Facilitate implementation of local solutions;
- (e) Be developed utilizing an open and transparent process that fosters public partic
- (f) Be developed in consultation with the department.
 (5) The Water Resources Commission may adopt rules for the administration of this

SECTION 3. (1) Section 2 of this 2015 Act is repealed July 1, 2019.

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Place-Based Planning Principles

- 1. Locally-initiated & led collaborative process
- 2. Voluntary, non-regulatory
- 3. Balanced representation of water interests
- 4. Conducted in partnership with State
- 5. Addresses instream and out-of-stream needs
- 6. Open and transparent public process
- 7. Builds on existing studies & plans
- 8. Does not infringe on existing water rights
- 9. Adheres to IWRS principles and State laws



The 5 Planning Steps

Step 1 – Build a collaborative & inclusive process

Step 2 – Characterize water resources & identify knowledge gaps

Step 3 - Determine current & future water supply needs (instream & out)

Step 4 - Identify integrated solutions to meet needs

Step 5 - Develop an Integrated Water Resources Plan



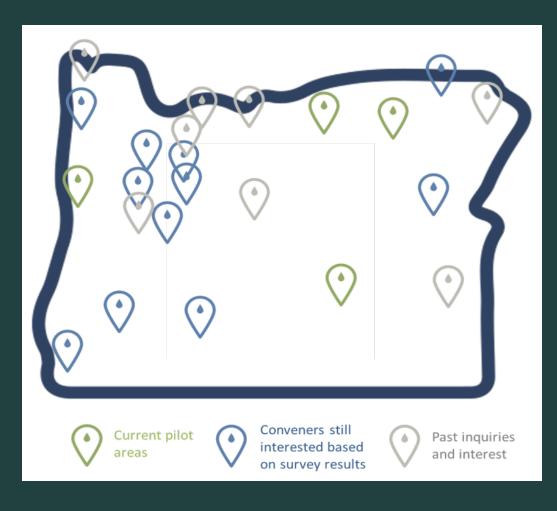
Pilot Phase Objectives

- Test the Draft Planning Guidelines
- Inspire collaboration and integration
- Gain experience to inform statewide IWRS
- Build local capacity and support
- Complete two plans by 2019
- Leverage funding





Solicitation Process

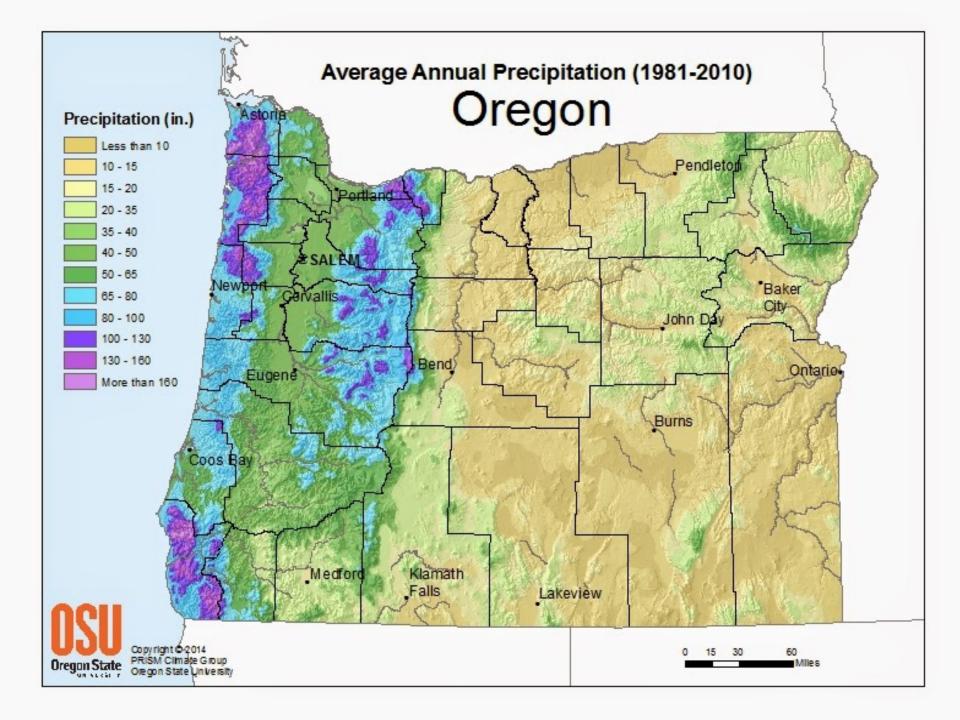


- 82 inquiries
- 16 letters of interest
- \$3.6 Mill. requested
- \$750k available
- \$657k awarded

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Planning Areas





Who is in the Planning Groups?

- Native American Tribes
- State & federal agencies
- Citizens and professors
- Soil and water conservation districts
- Watershed councils
- City mayors & public works directors
- Environmental non-profits
- County government
- Cattleman, farm bureau, seed growers
- State & federal political staff



OWRD Roles in Place-Based Planning

Program Coordination

Planning Partner

Planning

Technical Assistance Financial Assistance



Program Coordination

Peer-to-Peer Learning



I really enjoyed the Bend event. There was really good dialogue and ideas shared between the planning groups



Program Coordination

OUTCOME: Learning and making improvements

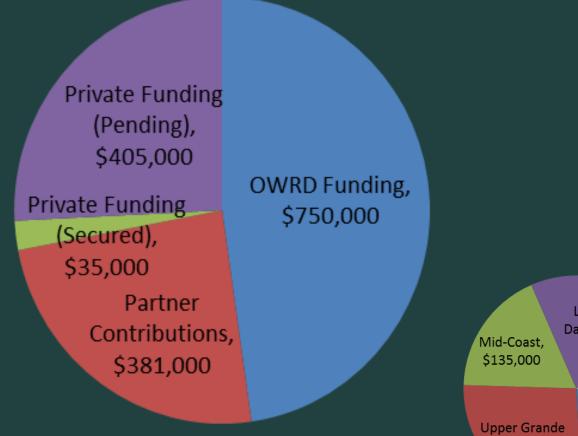
LESSON: A pre-planning step would be valuable

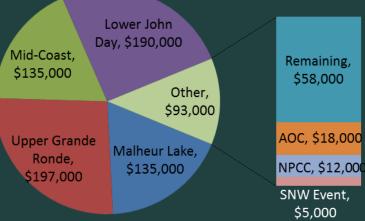
CHALLENGE: Need to balance structure & flexibility





Financial Assistance







Financial Assistance

OUTCOME: Public, private, and community investments

LESSON: Cost of planning is higher than expected

CHALLENGE: Adequate funding to complete plans





Technical Assistance

Coordination & collaboration





Technical Assistance

OUTCOME: Increased access to agency information

Lesson: Need to be more proactive than responsive

CHALLENGE: Complex concepts, competing demands

